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FACT SHEET

Provision of Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Finance/Treasury

OVERVIEW

U.S. Department of Treasury Resident Advisors work to build the capacity of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's (GIRoA) Ministry of Finance (MOF) to strengthen Afghanistan's public expenditure management system in Kabul and in the provinces. These advisors work directly with MOF senior management, USAID's Office of Economic Growth, and the Economic Section of the U.S. Embassy. Intermittent advisors are provided on an as-needed basis to continue progress toward debt relief for Afghanistan, institute sound practices to manage future debt, and enhance collection of non-tax revenues at the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Transport.

The Treasury function stands at the center of efforts to improve the efficiency of Afghanistan's public spending and build a stable financial platform for the Afghan government. Technical advisory support builds on previous investments made by the U.K. Department for International Development to establish and strengthen Afghanistan's National Treasury System.

ACTIVITIES

Resident Advisor to the Director-General for Treasury, MOF

- Provide strategic-level advice to Treasurer on strengthening public financial management within MOF and across GIRoA
- Oversee the rollout of financial management systems and reforms to improve the efficiency of spending in the provinces and reduce opportunities for corruption
- Build GIRoA capacity to forecast cash requirements and manage government cash flow

Resident Advisor to Director General for Budget, MOF

- Provide strategic level advice to the Director General for Budget on strengthening budget formulation and execution within MOF and across GIRoA
- Provide strategic support on improving expenditure analysis and streamlining the allotment process within the line ministries
- Assist with improving policy, administration, and financial responsibilities among government ministries

RESULTS

- Presented the Current State Assessment and Medium-Term Plan for Cash Management Improvement for endorsement to the Cash Management Committee
- Assisted the MOF in developing an operational plan for the Public Financial Management Roadmap
- Planned and coordinated a working group meeting to discuss/develop standards in order to assess the Public Financial Management capacities in the line ministries
- Facilitated logistic support for Afghanistan Financial Management Information System (AFMIS) Installation Team and Verified Payroll Program Registration Team to travel to Nuristan Province, thereby achieving AFMIS connectivity to all 34 provinces and commencing process for Nuristan Civil Service salary distribution by payment to individual bank accounts
- Participated in IMF Review Missions policy discussions and assisted the Afghan Government in coordinating information requests